

The manufacturers of snowmobiles have successfully labored to build quieter, cleaner machines. The four-stroke engines found in new generation snowmobiles emit far less hydrocarbons and carbon monoxides than the older, two-stroke models. In addition, they operate at a decibel level that is quieter than many vacuum cleaners.

The sixty-five thousand snowmobiles that enter the parks each winter on a limited road system is part of a new Winter-Use Plan that allows all Americans to enjoy the majestic beauty of Yellowstone, while still preserving the health of the Park and the wildlife that live there. In fact, the environmental impact of these machines on this national treasure is likely far less than that of the nearly two million cars and trucks that enter in the summer months.

Mr. Chairman, responsible snowmobiling has its place in the American outdoors, especially in national forests designed for multiple-use. I urge my colleagues to oppose this amendment.

IN HONOR OF FRANCIS A.  
PETERLIN

HON. JAMES P. MORAN  
OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 22, 2004*

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize and honor the service and career of Mr. Francis A. Peterlin as he prepares to retire after forty-four years of distinguished service in support of our Nation. Throughout his career, Mr. Peterlin has epitomized the Navy's core values of honor, courage and commitment and has displayed exceptional leadership in the advancement of the Navy's military construction requirements within the Department of Defense and the Congress.

In July 1960, Mr. Peterlin began serving his nation at the Department of Interior. In 1962, he chose a different path and entered the military in the Navy Reserves as a Civil Engineer Corps officer. While serving in June 1965 as Officer-in-Charge of SEABEE Technical Assistance Team 1104 in Dong Xoai, Vietnam, his unit was overrun by Republic of Vietnam Army forces. For his bravery and leadership during this encounter, Mr. Peterlin was awarded the Silver Star and Purple Heart medals along with the Navy Unit Commendation Medal for SEABEE Team 1104.

Upon discharge from the hospital and military service in 1966, Mr. Peterlin began his 38-year association with the Naval Facilities Engineering Command as a Civil Engineer for the Resident Officer of Construction, Pacific in San Bruno, California. During this tour ROICCPAC was awarded a Meritorious Unit Commendation for its support of construction efforts in Southeast Asia.

In 1969, he adopted the Commonwealth of Virginia as his home when he transferred to the Headquarters of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command located at the time in Alexandria, Virginia. In a succession of positions of increased responsibility Mr. Peterlin brought to this Command keen insight, attention to detail and a calm demeanor that fostered thoughtful and effective solutions. From 1969–1979, he was a civil engineer in the Interagency Con-

struction Division providing project management for projects from various defense and federal agencies. In 1979, he became a Supervisory General Engineer in the Officer in Charge of Construction, Trident, Program supporting the construction of new homeports for Trident class submarines in Bangor, Washington, and Kings Bay, Georgia. From 1981–1991, he served as the Command's Congressional Advisor, providing professional advice to senior Navy officials testifying at Congressional hearings and dedicated and trusted support to the staffs of the Armed Service and the Military Construction Appropriation committees of both the House and Senate. He then served as a Division Head from 1991–1997, Deputy Director 1997–2002, and Director 2002 to the present of the Military Construction Directorate.

His steadfast leadership and superb performance have won him numerous awards, including the Department of the Navy's Superior Civilian Service Award in 1988 and the Distinguished Civilian Service Award in 1991. Mr. Peterlin completes his distinguished and honorable career in public service as Director of Military Construction, Naval Facilities Engineering Command responsible for the programming, budgeting, and construction of all Navy ashore facilities worldwide. He leaves behind a cadre of proteges that he has mentored into positions of leadership to carry on his legacy.

I am pleased to recognize and thank Frank Peterlin for his long and dedicated service to this country and join with his friends and colleagues in wishing him "Fair Winds and Following Seas" as he and his wife Elena begin a well-earned retirement.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 22, 2004*

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, June 21, 2004, I was unable to cast my floor vote on rollcall Nos. 276, 277, and 278. The votes I missed include rollcall vote 276 on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Res. 591, Expressing the Gratitude of the House of Representatives for the Contributions made by America's Community Banks; rollcall vote 277 on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended H.R. 4363, the Helping Hands for Homeownership; and rollcall vote 278 on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Res. 660, Congratulating Randy Johnson of the Arizona Diamondbacks on pitching a perfect game on May 18, 2004.

Had I been present for the votes, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall votes 276, 277, and 278.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHNNY ISAKSON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 22, 2004*

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. Speaker, I was not able to be present for rollcall votes 260 through

278 on Thursday, June 17, 2004, Friday, June 18, 2004, and Monday, June 21, 2004 due to a requested and approved leave of absence. Had I been present, the record would reflect that I would have voted:

"Yea" on rollcall 260, on approving the journal;

"No" on rollcall 261 on the Hinchey amendment numbered 18 printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to prohibit the use of funds to kill bison, or assist in the killing of bison, in the Yellowstone National Park herd;

"No" on rollcall 262 on the Sanders amendment to prohibit the use of funds to maintain more than 65 million barrels of oil in the Strategic Petroleum Reserve;

"No" on rollcall 263 on the Holt amendment numbered 4 printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to prohibit the use of funds to permit recreational snowmobile use in Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton Park and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway, which connects the two parks;

"Yes" on rollcall 264 making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes;

"No" on rollcall 265 on the DeFazio amendment numbered 17 printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to strike the proviso beginning on line 5;

"No" on rollcall 266 on the Sweeney amendment numbered 3 printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to increase by \$450,000,000 the Office for State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness;

"No" on rollcall 267 on the Jackson-Lee amendment to increase research, development, acquisition and operations by \$10,000,000;

"No" on rollcall 268 on the DeLauro amendment which sought to insert a new section at the end of the bill to require that none of the funds appropriated by this Act may be used to issue an order under a task and delivery order contract to entities not in compliance with section 835 of Public Law 107–296;

"No" on rollcall 269 on the Roybal-Allard amendment numbered 1 printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to prohibit the use of funds to process or approve a review of options for privatizing of contracting out services provided as of June 1, by employees or temporary employees of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services who serve as immigration information officers, contract representatives or investigative assistants;

"Yes" on rollcall 270 on the Tancredo amendment to prohibit the use of funds to provide assistance to any state or local government entity or official that prohibits or restricts the sharing of an individual's citizenship or immigration status with the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement;

"No" on rollcall 271 on the Maloney amendment numbered 9 printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to limit to 80 the total number of grants available under the Urban Area Security Initiative, which provides discretionary grants to high-threat, high-density urban areas;

"No" on rollcall 272 on the Sabo amendment to insert a new section at the end of the bill for the Privacy Officer of the Department of Homeland Security to conduct privacy impact assessments of proposed rules as authorized by section 222 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 142), hereby derived from